

adage that success has many fathers while failure is an orphan is accurate, than the father of this excellent proposal is my cosponsor and learned friend from Virginia, Mr. BOUCHER. We have cosponsored several bills in the past and each of these bills has done well in the legislative process. It is a pleasure to join him again in offering this legislation.

We urge every member of this House to join us in cosponsoring H.R. 1616, the Superfund Liability Allocation Act of 1995, and ask that they call David Luken of my staff (ext. 53761) or Andrew Wright of Mr. Boucher's staff (ext. 53861) to do so.

RABBI AND REBBETZEN RYBAK
HONORED

HON. WILLIAM J. MARTINI

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 11, 1995

Mr. MARTINI. Mr. Speaker, on Sunday night, May 14, 1995, Rabbi Dr. Solomon Rybak and Rebbetzen Dr. Shoshana Rybak will observe the completion of 10 years affiliation with the congregation and service to the Passaic and Clifton communities at Congregation Adas Israel in Passaic, New Jersey. I congratulate them and wish them all the best as they celebrate this truly special occasion.

Rabbi and Rebbetzen Rybak have been recognized as exceptional personalities in the Passaic-Clifton area as well as in the larger metropolitan New York-New Jersey educational community. Both have attained significant achievements in furthering Jewish education and values. Upon completing his studies at Yeshiva University and receiving rabbinical ordination from the late, renowned torah giant Rabbi Dr. Joseph Soloveitchik, Rabbi Rybak served as Rabbi Soloveitchik's research assistant in the Rogosin Institute of Ethics. Rabbi Rybak was appointed by Dr. Samuel Belkin, President of Yeshiva University, to the position of Rosh Yeshiva at the Yeshiva University High School and held that position for 27 years. Rabbi Rybak earned his Ph.D. in Semitic languages from the Bernard Revel Graduate School of Yeshiva University and has lectured and published on educational and Halachic topics. In addition to his duties as spiritual leader of Congregation Adas Israel, Rabbi Rybak is a Professor of Jewish Studies at Touro college, serves as the editor of CHAVRUSA, the professional publication of the Yeshiva University Rabbinical Alumni and is a member of the executive board of the Rabbinical Council of America.

Equally accomplished, Rebbetzen Rybak has balanced the dual role of a Rebbetzin and a professional in her daily routine. Rebbetzen Rybak was educated in both Israel and in New York and holds a Jewish Teacher's Diploma from Beth Jacob Seminary and a Doctorate in school and clinical psychology from Pace University. Rebbetzen Rybak has been involved in many of the congregation's programs, concentrating on the youth Yom Tov celebrations and the congregation's Simchat Torah, Purim, and Yom Haatzmaut festivals. As a therapist and licensed psychologist, Dr. Rybak has been involved with several groups of exceptional children including the handicapped, the developmentally disabled and the gifted. She is currently the clinical coordinator at the He-

brew Academy for Special Children [HASC] in Brooklyn and is a member of several professional organizations including the American Psychological Association, the National Association of School Psychologists, and the Council for Exceptional Children.

Upon their arrival in Passaic in 1984, Rabbi and Rebbetzen Rybak found a diversified community representing the full spectrum of modern Jewish society. In a quiet and unassuming manner Rabbi and Rebbetzen Rybak began actively participating in the ongoing revitalization of the Passaic-Clifton community. The contributions of Rabbi and Rebbetzen Rybak over the past 10 years have been instrumental in continuing to make Passaic and Clifton attractive to young Jewish couples looking for a vibrant area in which to establish their home. Their dedication to community service and education serves as a role model and inspiration to all. I salute these two fine individuals, and can only say that I am proud to call them members of the Eighth Congressional District of New Jersey.

COAST GUARD AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 1996

SPEECH OF

HON. C.W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 9, 1995

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1361) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1996 for the Coast Guard, and for other purposes:

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Chairman, I rise in strong support of H.R. 1361, the Coast Guard Authorization Act.

The men and women of the Coast Guard are life savers, they protect our national security, they fight crime, and they protect our environment.

The people of Florida have a special appreciation for the work of the Coast Guard. As the chairman of the Florida congressional delegation, I in particular pay tribute to the 7th District which serves Florida, the busiest Coast Guard district in our Nation.

It is a privilege for me to represent Pinellas County, FL, which is home to three Coast Guard stations including Group St. Petersburg, which is responsible for protecting Florida's west coast down through the Caribbean, the Clearwater Air Station, the largest Coast Guard Air Station in the United States, and the Sand Key Station, which responds regularly to emergencies at sea and in our inland waters.

Because the Coast Guard has consistently responded to untraditional challenges to our Nation with determination, creativity, and effectiveness, the Congress has seen fit year after year to add to its long list of multifaceted responsibilities. In the early 1980's, when the flow of illegal narcotics through the Caribbean threatened the nationality security of the United States, the U.S. Coast Guard was charged with slamming the door on this drug trade. The vigilance with which the Coast Guard undertook this mission forced drug smugglers to abandon Florida as a primary point of entry into the United States. Those who persist in trying to bring drugs into our Nation through Florida have been met with the firm response,

such as last year when the St. Petersburg based Coast Guard Cutter *Point Countess* intercepted the freighter *Inge Frank* near the Sunshine Skyway bridge at the entrance to Tampa Bay, escorted it to its mooring, and joined the DEA and Customs Service in a raid that seized more than 6,000 pounds of cocaine, preventing \$272 million in illegal drugs from reaching our streets.

Most recently, when our Nation was faced with an exodus of tens of thousands of Cuban and Haitian refugees, the Coast Guard responded. The 7th District rescued more than 23,000 Haitians at sea in unsafe vessels last Spring, and expanded its operations last Summer, pulling more than 35,000 Cubans from the waters of the Florida Straits. Aircraft from the Clearwater Air Station flew 3,200 flying hours in support of these missions, and delivered over 600 tons of cargo to the U.S. forces implementing our immigration policies on shore.

It is the Coast Guard which is responsible for enforcing all United States laws at sea, whether they be immigration, narcotics, environmental, fishery, or safety-related.

It is the Coast Guard which is responsible for its well known search and rescue missions at sea. This mission not only saves lives just about every day of the year, but also saves significant amount of public and private property. Recently the Florida pilot of a small plane learned this lesson the hard way, when, far from land, he radioed a mayday, saying he had only 15 minutes of fuel left. His plane hit the water 70 miles west of Tampa Bay, and sank within 60 seconds. A nearby Coast Guard Falcon Fanjet used direction-finding equipment to locate the plane, witnessed it hit the water, and dropped a life-raft and emergency locating transmitter which enabled the pilot to be rescued later. Similar air rescues have saved 188 lives off the coasts of Florida alone since last April, and will continue to provide Americans with a level of safety at sea.

It is also the Coast Guard which is responsible for the less glamorous, but vitally important responsibility of maintaining vital aids to navigation that keep ships and boats out of jeopardy. Though some take channel markers, ocean buoys, loran stations, and other necessary navigational aids for granted, they are the critical signposts that allow for the safe passage of boaters on our waterways.

The Coast Guard receives invaluable help in fulfilling many of these diverse responsibilities from the volunteers of the Coast Guard Auxiliary. The 572 active members of Auxiliary Division 8, who provide support to Group St. Petersburg, make up the largest auxiliary unit in the Nation. Auxiliary members are very active in educating the public about boating safety issues, providing free boating safety classes and dockside courtesy marine examinations. Last year alone, in addition to training 1,330 students and conducting 8,104 courtesy marine examinations, Division 8 also conducted 1,364 support missions, logged over 14,607 underway hours, saved five lives, assisted 393 boaters, and saved more than \$2.6 million in property.

Mr. Speaker, perhaps the least known and understood of the Coast Guard's mission is one for which I have funding and oversight responsibility: defense readiness. When activated by the President, the Coast Guard assists the U.S. Navy in time of conflict, guarding the foreign and domestic ports we use to